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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Supplement to Program Approval for J-75 Engines
(CHAL-0673, 27 May 1959)

1. With reference to the increase of [] mentioned in paragraph 2 of the attached supplemental program approval, I discussed this with Mr. C. L. Johnson on 11 June and he stated that he would make every effort to reduce it. He said he had not been advised that there was going to be an increase and that he would check into it on his return to the West Coast. I will jog him on this later.

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2. With regard to paragraph 3, we plan to deploy two aircraft with Stan and two with Hack, and a fifth aircraft (#360) would remain as a test bed at Edwards. This allows no contingency for an aircraft accident and would mean that we would have to transfer one of Hack's J-75's to Stan in the event of a fast move operation of the sort now planned. I believe three aircraft are a minimum for fast move operations. Therefore, assuming that additional engines would not cost an outlandish amount, we should seriously consider a total of six aircraft equipped with J-75 engines.

3. I recommend that the fifth aircraft be approved, that Kelly Johnson be authorized to cut metal on the fifth and sixth aircraft, but that the decision with regard to modifying the sixth aircraft be withheld until engine availability and cost are more clearly determined. Col. Geary and I plan to go to Hartford to investigate this problem with Pratt & Whitney.



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Attachment:

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APPROVAL: Recommendation in para. 3,
above, approved.

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